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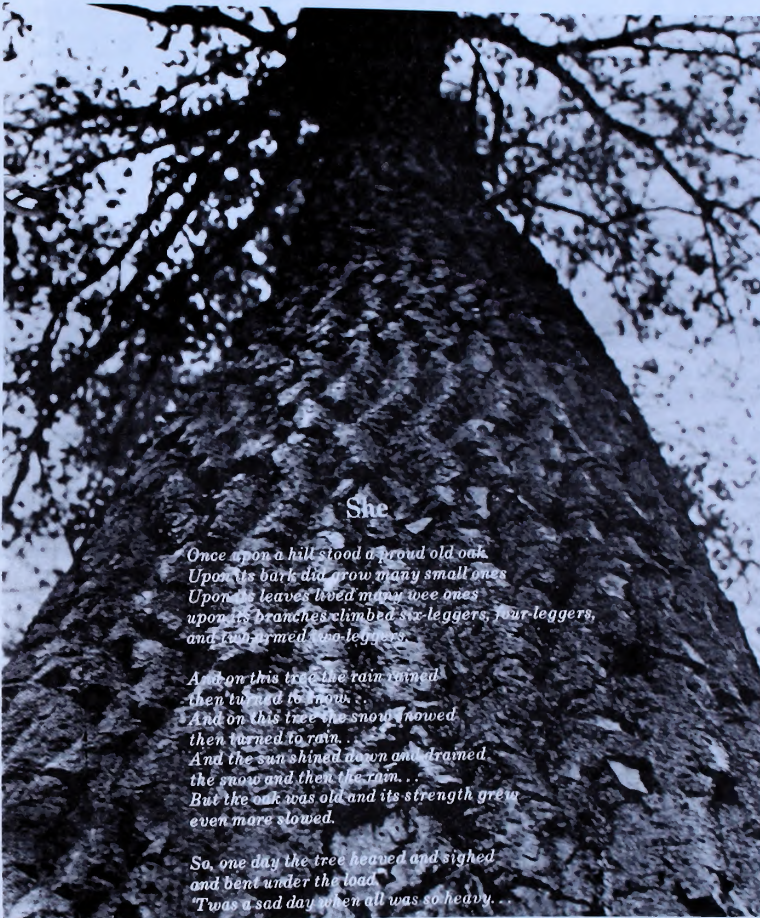
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# Brother Preacher Caterpillars With The Gospel

*We can only climb into the rain stuck sac,  
brothers and sisters,  
with the courage of resurrection;  
ye of little faith, stay worms.*

Lee Kesselman



## She

*Once upon a hill stood a proud old oak  
Upon its bark did grow many small ones  
Upon its leaves lived many wee ones  
upon its branches climbed six-leggers, four-leggers,  
and two-legged two-leggers.*

*And on this tree the rain rained  
then turned to snow . . .  
And on this tree the snow snowed  
then turned to rain . . .  
And the sun shined down and drained  
the snow and then the rain . . .  
But the oak was old and its strength grew  
even more slowed.*

*So, one day the tree heaved and sighed  
and bent under the load  
'Twas a sad day when all was so heavy . . .*

Ed Cilley

*Then the tree-cutters came and cut the proud oak down  
"For progress" (They say!)  
"Must make money and furniture;  
paper and confetti . . .  
Need to build houses and garages;  
print books and put fences  
around yards and farms to keep  
animals in and men out!"*

*This proud old oak had many rings  
Everyone who saw knew things  
like how old and strong she was  
like how so many little ones and wee ones  
lived on her, because of her —  
Were because she was!*

*While the oak stood and supported — she looked beautiful!  
When she was cut-up — she looked different!  
No one knew for sure who she was —  
Only that she was the Oak on the Hill!*

Marilyn Kremnitzer